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BCCI's drug money laundering. The UAE and Hong Kong were major centres for heroin money. Banks in the UAE catered for traffickers for the golden crescent countries of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Iran. Hong Kong banks received huge sums from traffickers in the world's leading opium producing regions, the golden triangle of Burma, Thailand and Laos.

1966 - Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan became ruler of UAE, a British colony. Around this time Abedi meets Zayed.

December 1971 - UAE gained independence with Sheikh Zayed as President.

1972 - Abedi set up BCCI. Its main backers were Sheikh Zayed and the Bank of America.

1973 - After the 1973 oil shock, foreign and domestic banks opened hundreds of branches in UAE. Making it one of the most overbanked countries in the world.

1973-75 - At the end of 1973, BCCI's first full year of operation. It had 19 branches in five countries, of these 8 were in the UAE and 4 in the UK. In 1975 BCCI had 64 branches in 13 countries, the UAE and UK had the lead with 19 branches each.

October 1973 - Egypt and Syria attack Israel. The Yom Kippur war. UAE was the first of several Arab countries to declare an embargo on oil exports to the US, as punishment for its support of Israel. Over the next few months OPEC quadrupled oil prices.

25 November 1973 - KLM airliner flying to New Delhi was hijacked to UAE, three hijackers surrendered, their fate was unknown.

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December 1976 â In Abu Dhabi the UAE celebrated its 5th anniversary with a parade of mirage fighters, missiles and armoured vehicles. While their ruler Sheikh Zayed pledged support for the Palestinian cause and called for Arab solidarity against Israel.

1978 â The UAEâs ambassador to Washington Hamad al-Midfa tried to manage the press, with regards to the takeover -- BCCI takeover of Financial General. In 1978 Zafar Iqbal was head of BCCE the UAE affiliate of BCCI in which Zayed held a controlling interest. Iqbal became BCCI chief executive in 1990. BCCI takeover of Financial General was complete in 1982. First American .

1979 â By 1979 the UAE had 430 bank branches or one for every 2,000 citizens. The highest ratio in the world.

23 September 1983 â A Gulf Air Boeing 737 from Karachi to Dubai crashed near Abu Dhabi airport killing all passengers and crew. Was Abu Nidal behind the attack?

8 February 1984 â The ambassador of UAE was shot dead in Paris France.

25 October 1984 â A diplomat from the UAE was assassinated in Rome Italy.

20 September 1990 â BCCI moved its HQ from London to UAE after refusing to release six month financial statements.

5 July 1991 â The Bank of England shut down BCCI. Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahayan. Pres of UAE. UAE had most of the BCCI financial records. BCCI branches in UAE did not shut down, they just renamed to National Union Bank. When BCCI closed it had at least \$589 million in â unknown depositsâ in UAE. (BBC 5 Aug 1991).

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8 December 2000 â The pilot of flight 77 which crashed into the Pentagons southwest side is believed to have been Hani Hanjour. Several hijackers including Hanjour and al Mihdhar supplemented their finances with credit cards drawn on Saudi and UAE banks. The FBI said that Hani Hanjour arrived in San Diego from Dubai on 8 December 2000 and left San Diego with al Hazmi for Arizona several days later. Hanjour was in San Diego area with al Hazmi in December 2000. Hanjour was not identified by an FBI informant who met with him. (The 9/11 investigations ©2004 S.Strasser public affairs reports).

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